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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

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SUMMARY: ONLY COVERAGE PICKED UP SATURDAY MORNING WAS THREE BROADCASTS BY MARVIN KALB ON CBS RADIO. FIRST DEALT WITH BITSIOS MEETING--HARTMAN TO ANKARA--POSSIBLE ESENBEL MEETING--AND DESCRIBING MOOD ON CYPRUS AS COMPARATIVELY OPTIMISTIC. SECOND WAS ON THE EFFECT OF THE PALESTINIAN RAID IN TEL AVIV AND THE THIRD ON THE OPENING OF TALKS IN ASWAN.

1. KISSINGER'S CYPRUS TALKS (CBS RADIO, ASWAN, MARCH 8)-- SECRETARY CONFERRED FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS WITH GREEK FM AND THEN HE ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS SENDING AN AMERICAN ENVOY TO ANKARA, TURKEY. THE ENVOY, ARTHUR HARTMAN, ASST. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS WILL PRESUMABLY CONVEY A NEW DIPLOMATIC APPROACH FOR BREAKING THE DEADLOCK.

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NEXT STEP IS FOR THE TURKS TO AGREE TO A KISSINGER MEETING

WITH THEIR FOREIGN MINISTER, THAT MAY HAPPEN AFTER MARCH
15. IF IT GOES WELL KISSINGER WILL QUICKLY MEET ONCE
AGAIN WITH BITSIOS, FM, AT THAT POINT FORMALLY LAUNCHING

GREEK-TURKISH TALKS ON CYPRUS. ACTUALLY THE MOOD ON
KISSINGER'S PLANE ON THIS SUBJECT WAS COMPARATIVELY OPTI-
MISTIC, A NUMBER OF OFFICIALS BELIEVING THAT GOOD PROGRESS
WAS MADE TODAY BUT NONE VENTURING TO PREDICT THAT CONGRESS
WILL NOW RE-OPEN THE PIPELINE OF AMERICAN MILITARY
DELIVERIES TO TURKEY, THOUGH THAT IS OBVIOUSLY THEIR HOPE.

2. BULLETS NOT OLIVES (CBS RADIO) FROM THE MIDDLE EAST,
MARCH 8--
THE GUN, NOT THE OLIVE BRANCH. THAT IS THE STORY IN
THIS REGION...
FOR A FEW MONTHS THE PLO ACCENTED THE OLIVE BRANCH
CONVEYING AN IMPRESSION OF MODERATION. THE REFUSAL OF
KISSINGER TO DEAL WITH THE PLO AND THE REFUSAL OF SADAT
TO BREAK OFF CONTACT WITH KISSINGER MUST HAVE PERSUADED
ARAFAT TO DROP THE OLIVE BRANCH AND PICK UP THE GUN,
HENCE THE PALESTINIAN RAID ON A TEL AVIV HOTEL. BUT IN
A LARGER SENSE THE RAID MIGHT HAVE HAD THE IRONIC EFFECT
OF HASTENING AN EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI DEAL IN THE SINAI. WHAT-
EVER ADVANTAGES IN THE SINAI AGREEMENT MAY HOLD FOR EGYPT,
ONE THAT IT HOLDS FOR ISRAEL IS THAT IT TENDS TO DRIVE A
WEDGE BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE PALESTINIANS, IN OTHER WORDS
IT SPLITS ARAB RANKS ON THE CRITICAL ISSUE OF HOW TO
SETTLE THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM--WHETHER BY WAR OR BY
GRADUAL ACCOMODATION. RAID MAY ENCOURAGE THE ISRAELIS
TO STRIKE OUT FOR A QUICK DEAL WITH EGYPT, AMONG OTHER
REASONS TO UNDERCUT THE PLO'S STATURE AND INFFLUENCE

IN THE ARAB WORLD. NO DOUBT AMONG SOME ISRAELIS THE
RAID WILL PROVE THAT THERE CAN BE NO GETTING ALONG WITH
THE ARABS AND THAT SENTIMENT MAY POP UP EVEN IN THE
ISRAELI CABINET; BUT AMONG OTHER ISRAELIS THE RAID MAY BE
SEEN AS, IRONICALLY, AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACCOMPLISH A
HISTORIC TURN IN ARAB-ISRAELI RELATIONS.

3. THE TALKS BEGIN (CBS RADIO, ASWAN, MARCH 8)--
MARVIN KALB---CBS--RADIO--ASWAN, 8:00 O'CLOCK--MAR 8
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-- WELCOME BACK, SADAT SAID AS KISSINGER WALKED ON TO
THE VERANDA OF AN OLD GUEST HOUSE OVERLOOKING THE UPPER
NILE FOR THE START OF THIS CRITICAL ROUND OF NEGOTIA-
TIONS. FOR THE SECRETARY IT WAS A RETURN VISIT OF
AN EARLIER DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPH--THIS TIME HIS EFFORT IS
MUCH MORE COMPLICATED BECAUSE IT IS ESSENTIALLY POLITIC-
AL -- WHAT WILL EGYPT GIVE TO ISRAEL IN NONAMBIGUOUS
POLITICAL TERMS FOR A PULLBACK INTO THE SINAI.

KISSINGER THINKS THAT SADAT IS READY TO REACH AN ACCOM-

ODATION WITH ISRAEL AND IS READY TO PAY SOME KIND OF
PRICE. WHETHER IT IS THE HIGH PRICE ISRAEL IS DEMANDING,

IN EFFECT A NON-AGGRESSION PLEDGE CANNOT BE DETERMINED
THIS EARLY IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. BE PATIENT,
SADAT TOLD REPORTERS AS HE LEAD KISSINGER INTO A SMALL
RECEPTION ROOM FOR THE START OF SECRET TALKS. INGERSOLL

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